



Proclamation

Food Allergy Awareness Week

WHEREAS, Food allergies can be life threatening, are increasing in prevalence and affect approximately 15 million Americans, including 6 million children; and

WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and requires immediate medical treatment, including an injection of epinephrine, treatment in a hospital emergency room, and can be fatal; and

WHEREAS, milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, soy, fish, and shellfish account for 90% of all food-allergic reactions, eating away from home can pose a significant risk to people affected by food allergy. Close to half of fatal food allergy reactions are triggered by food served by a restaurant or other food service establishment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia has passed stock-epinephrine laws that permit an emergency supply of epinephrine auto-injectors to be used in a school and Food Allergy Kids of Atlanta is dedicated to educating the general public, schools, and restaurants in Georgia communities about life threatening allergic reactions, risk management procedures, and how to enact an emergency action plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim May 10 – 16, 2015, as **FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**, encourages its citizens to become aware of the dangers and how to successfully manage food allergies to promote a safer, healthier community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the seal of Lumpkin County to be affixed this 20th day of May, 2015.

Lumpkin County, Georgia

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker, County Clerk